

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #81A-16 Building Date: ca. early 20th c.
Building Name: Surratt's Road House
Location: 6701 Surratts Road, Clinton, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Surratts Road house is a two story rectangular frame dwelling of three-by-one bays, with an east side one story addition. It fronts closely on Surrats Road. The three bay north facade has central entrance through a modern door with a narrow architrave surround. Windows are 2/2 sash, the lights set horizontally, one above the other. The windows are flanked by vinyl louvered shutters. The first level is sheltered by a five-bay hipped roof entrance porch with Doric columns set on high cement block bases. The house is covered with horizontal vinyl siding with the appearance of wood siding. It is set on a cement foundation with a basement beneath the main block. The roof is corrugated metal. Interior brick chimneys rise from the east and west gable ends. There is a plain boxed cornice. The east and west gable ends are unfenestrated. The east gable end has an attached one story gable roof wing of one-by-one bay with a rear porch incorporated under the slope of the gable roof. The wing has the same window, cornice and wall covering as the main block.

Significance

The Surratts Road house is significant for its vernacular architecture. It was built early in the 20th century on a 74 acre parcel of Mt. Auburn Farm. Its date of construction is not known. It was constructed by 1935 when the farm including the house, a chicken house, stable and other buildings was sold at public sale due to default on the mortgage by its owners, Aquila and Jane Pinkney. The house is a simple "I" house which has been altered by the addition of vinyl siding and the modernization of its porch. Its height, roofline, setback and front elevation maintain the appearance of an early 20th century dwelling. Its stylistic antecedent is the late 19th century Victorian vernacular farm dwelling. It is an important reminder of Surrattsville's former character in what is a rapidly developing area.

Acreage: .58 acre

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No. _____

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Surratt's Road Houseand/or common

2. Location

street & number 6701 Surratts Road not for publicationcity, town Clinton vicinity ofcongressional district 5state Md.county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> ^X occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u>X</u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Rodney Meyerstreet & number 6701 Surratts Rd.telephone no.:city, town Clintonstate and zip code Md. 20735

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouseliber #5577street & number Main Streetfolio 350city, town Upper Marlborostate Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N.A.date federal state county localdepository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010/CABcity, town Upper Marlborostate Md.

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Surratts Road house is a two story rectangular frame dwelling of three-by-one bays, with an east side one story addition. It fronts closely on Surratts Road, and is set on a town lot, surrounded by housing of a later date.

The three bay north facade has central entrance through a modern door flanked by two-light sidelights. The door has a narrow architrave surround. Windows on the facade are 2/2 double-hung-sash, the lights set horizontally, one above the other, rather than vertically. The windows also have a narrow architrave surround and are flanked by vinyl louvered shutters. The first level is sheltered by a five-bay hipped roof entrance porch with tapering Doric columns set on high cement block bases, supporting a frieze and crown molded cornice. The porch has a new cement floor, set on a brick base.

The house is covered with horizontal vinyl siding with the appearance of wood siding. It is set on a cement foundation with a basement beneath the main block. The roof is corrugated metal. Interior corbelled brick chimneys rise from the east and west gable ends. There is a plain boxed cornice.

The three bay south (rear) facade has a center, one-by-one bay two story shed roof addition on a poured cement base. It has the same window, cornice and siding treatment as the main block.

The east and west gable ends are unfenestrated. The east gable end has an attached one story gable roof wing of one-by-one bay with a rear porch incorporated under the slope of the gable roof. The wing is set on a cement foundation and has the same window, cornice and wall covering as the main block. The roof is covered with asphalt shingle. The wing has a one bay shed roof addition at its southeast corner, containing an entrance to the cellar.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Notes

¹ Land Records of Prince George's County, 150:157, #9080 Equity.

² Ibid; and 408:319. Also see Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, 9th District, 1900, 1906, 1908, 1912-15, John Van Ryswick, Lorenzo D. Addis, Henry W. Wilson.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .58 acreMap 125 p. 48Quadrangle name Anacostia, Section I

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date September 1986street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-3520city or town Upper Marlboro state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title

Surratts Road House
P.G. #81A-16

5577:390
3 Sept 1982
Deed

Randel T. Smith to Rodney and Lori Meyer. For \$10 grantors convey that property described in 5481:132. Amount paid = \$59,950.00 Lot #7 in unrecorded subdivision known as Campus Drive Estate. Contains .58 acre.

5481:132
2 Nov 1981
Deed

John T. Dunnigan, Trustee under agreement recorded 5473:439 to Randel T. Smith. For \$10 grantor conveys same parcel in 5473:446 contains .58 acre.

5473:446
31 Aug 1981
Deed

Griffith S. Ousler, Jr., Trustee and John T. Dunnigan. For \$10 grantor conveys same parcel recorded in 4726:709. Actual amount paid \$210,000.00. A part of parcel 5 of the land of Griffith S. Ousler, Jr., Trustee. Contains 8.18 acres, excepting .35 acre, .33 acre and 1.24 acres, leaving 6.24 acres conveyed.

4726:709
31 July 1974
Deed

Griffith S. Ousler Jr., and Dorothy V. Ousler to Griffith S. Ousler, Jr., Trustee. G. S. Ousler died intestate 13 Aug 1973. Will S.S. McG 15:383, left son his farm, acquired by 63:296, 128:306, 293:286, 382:233, 387:122 and 408:319 together with all houses on both sides Cheltenham Road.

408:319
20 Feb 1935
Deed

Adrian P. Fisher to Griffith S. Ousler. At public sale January 1934 by said grantor, as assignee in mortgage from Aquila Pinkney to Henry W. Wilson, 27 Feb 1920, 150:157. Sale made after default. Equity #9080. Ousler highest bidder at \$2750. Property contains 50 acres, runs south along Surrattsville Road.

Also part of Mt. Auburn Farm. Contains 24.73 acres, same land conveyed by Henry W. Wilson to Aquila Pinkney 25 Feb 1920.

#9080
Equity

Notice of Public Sale dated January 2, 1934. 2 tracts, 74.73 acres on County road from Clinton to Cheltenham, adjoining Surrattsville High School to west, Cheltenham Road to north, and G.S. Ousler property to East. Improved by 5 room, 2 story frame dwelling, chicken house, stable and other outbuildings.

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150:157
27 Feb 1920
Mortgage

Aquila and Janie Pinkney to Henry W. Wilson. Pinkneys indebted to Wilson for \$3500 - a part of purchase money on hereinafter described property, mortgage made to secure debt. Parcel in Surratts district. Contains 50 acres, also a part of Auburn Farm, 24.73 acres.

130:303
17 May 1918
Deed

Lorenzo D. Addis and O.B. Zantzinger to Henry W. Wilson. for \$10 grantors convey a part of Mt. Auburn Farm - Lot 7, a part of same land conveyed to Addis by Avarilla Lambert, February 8, 1906, 28:267. 24 acres.

66:299
3 Sept 1910
Deed

Lorenzo and Nida Addis to Henry W. Wilson of Washington, D.C. For \$10 grantors convey 50 acres.

28:267
8 Feb 1906
Deed

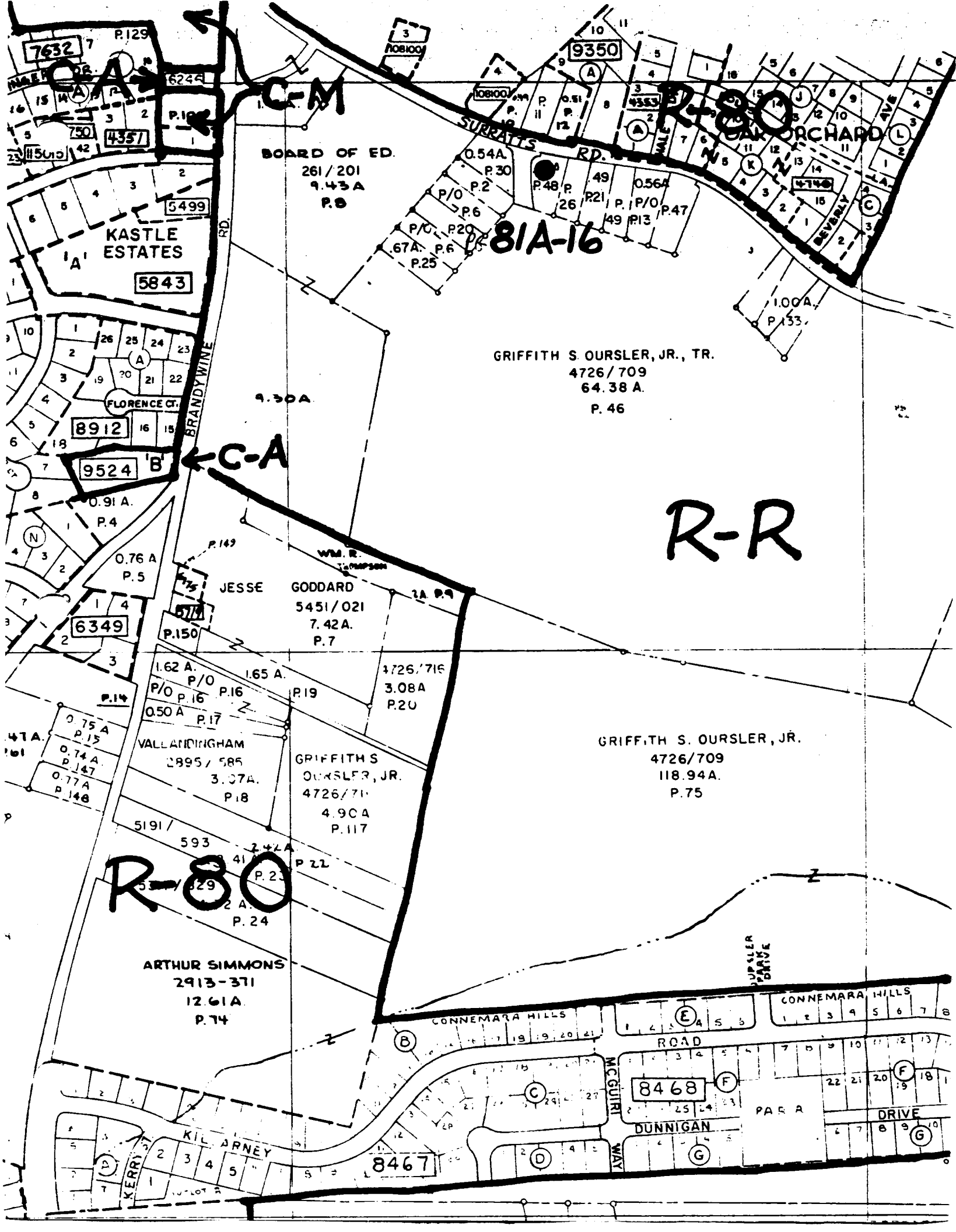
Avarilla Lambert and Tallmadge Lambert, Martha and William K. Carr to Lorenzo D. Addis. For \$10 paid to grantors, heirs of John Van Ryswick, parcel conveyed, same obtained from Van Ryswick 6 Feb 1885, JWB 7:223, 326 acres, same conveyed by Thomas Clagett to Woodbury Wheeler, H.B. 3:584.

JWB 7:223
6 Feb. 1885
Deed

John Van Ryswick to Mary Van Ryswick, his wife and Mary Jane Van Ryswick, Avarilla Lambert and Martina Van Ryswick, his daughters. Grantor and wife have life estate in all property. It is to be divided among his heirs equally. Lots in Washington, D.C.

H.B. 3:584
7 July 1870
Deed

Thomas Clagett, mortgagee, by powers obtained in mortgage from Bennett Z. Gwynn, F.S. 2:190, #722 Equity, sold to Woodbury Wheeler a part of His Lordship's Kindness, Lot #2, upon which Bennett Z. Gwynn resides, 326 acres called Mt. Auburn.



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GRIFFITH S. OURSLER, JR.
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ARTHUR SIMMONS
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CONNEMARA HILLS

ROAD

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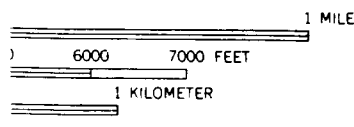
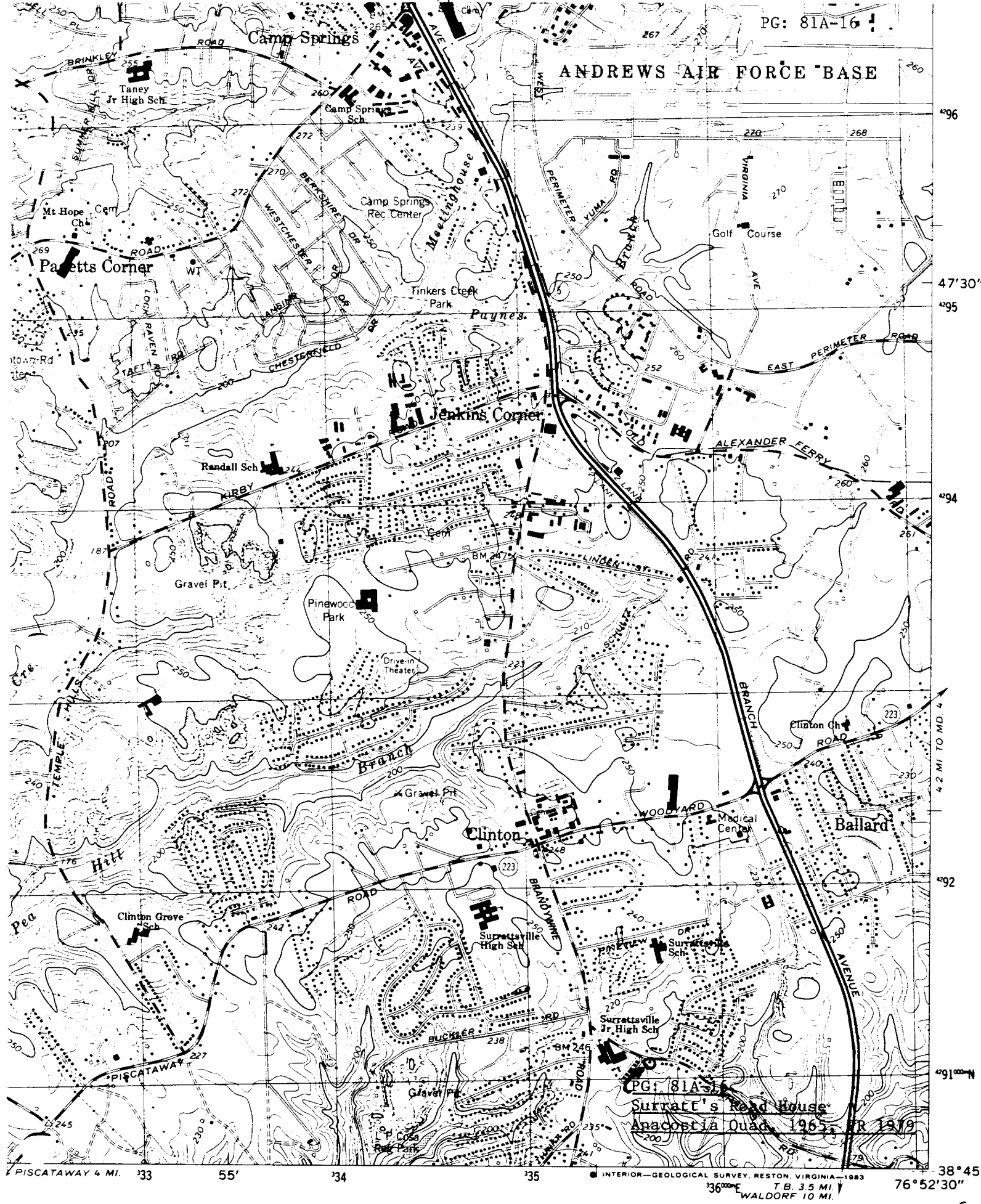
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KIL ARNEY

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt

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Surratt's Road House
Anacostia Quad 1965, R 1979
INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1983
T.B. 3.5 MI.
WALDORF 10 MI.
38°45' 76°52'30"



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Van Ryswick House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
February 1986
North

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Van Ryswick House
Prince George's County, Md.
Marina King
February 1986
South
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Van Ryswick House, Prince George's
County
Marina King
February 1986
East
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.